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PULMONARY INFECTION AND INFLAMMATION**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Response and Amendment; and
- 3) Appendices A-C.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated June 22, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on September 22, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and amend claims 5-13 and 15-17 as set forth in Appendix A, attached herewith.